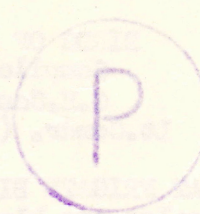




THE PALMYRA CIRCLE



No. 32 1948.

October 23, 1948.

This weeks plane only brought in a small amount of mail, possibly due to the fact that the Honolulu Post Office has not been able to sort the 20,000 sacks they received about ten days ago.

Roberts returned with his wife Jerry, their daughter Joan and son Larsen. He made a fast trip, going up on one plane and returning on the next, which gave him about five days in the big city up north.

There was only one departing passenger Saturday morning. Lee of the construction crew, departed from the fair shores of Palmyra.

Ruth Laffoon, says that Christmas is coming and now is the time to get your bird's-nest ferns started. The Hangeville Nursery and Orchid Shop does not expect to have enough poinsettia for all families, unless a miracle happens and we can get some sent down from Honolulu. In the event that there is not enough for all to have at last one flower, what we do have at Christmas time will be used in the lobbies of the apartment and hotel.

Fishing news has been scarce the last few weeks, but since the families have to Cooper Island, more of the ladies can be seen casting lines from the beach between the hotel and Lottie Smiths pier.

Social activities have taken an upturn since the Mingo Island homesteads have closed and the ladies are right next door to each other.

The ladies of the Bureau of Standards are anxiously waiting to move into their new housing and we don't blame them, because from the looks of the buildings, they are going to be very nice.

Plans for a new apartment, hotel and selected business district are going forward in Honolulu. It will be located in the 57 acre area known as Ala Moana boulevard between Wilkoi Street and Robinson Boulevard. We can remember when it was swamps and across the road were the city dumps. Along the mauka side of the road was what was called Squatterville. If the people had been allowed to remain there, there might have been some nice homes located close to the shore.

Starting with the next issue, the Palmyra Circle will be published on Saturday afternoons. Due to the navy planes arriving early Thursday mornings and departing from here on the return trip to Honolulu, in the early hours of Saturday morning, we feel that Saturday is a better time for the paper to come out.

News Highlights

Arthur Rutledge has filed another notice of an intent to strike against the H.R.T. charging unfair labor practices. The H.R.T. is laying off about 45 shop men as an economy measure.

During the strike which just ended, the company lost an estimated \$486,000 in revenue. The employees lost \$180,000 in pay and \$18,000 in retroactive pay that was offered them before they went on strike. They returned to work with the same increase that was offered before the strike without the retroactive pay.

During the thirty-six day strike the public suffered and other firms suffered losses due to the transportation tie-up.

Pan American Airways, say that they are having a crew shortage due to the extra planes that they using to supply Hawaii and Alaska. During the first two weeks in October the amount of freight carried almost equaled the total for the month of September, this was on the Hawaii run.

A circuit court jury has awarded Claude Jenu-rush, \$21,000 for injuries he received when he was thrown out of a Waikiki cottage apartment last February 15th. He was a night house officer at the Moana Hotel. He sued Carl and Granville Abbott for \$100,000, he claimed the brothers beat and kicked and throw him to the sidewalk outside their apartment after he had gone there to quiet a noisy party. The jury deliberated for more than five and a half hours before reaching a verdict.

The Mutual Telephone employees return to work after their month long strike.

Army and Navy search planes have been looking for a civilian pilot in a private plane. The plane took off from Honolulu airport and only had about five hours gasoline supply. The pilot was training under the C.I. bill and had 160 hours flying to his credit towards a commercial pilots license.

BIRDS OF PALMYRA
Compiled by
G.H. Castle,
Lt. Comdr. (MC) USNR.

THE GREAT FRIGATE BIRD continued.

The males are black, with a forked tail, and have a red gular pouch that they are able to inflate to 6-8 inches. During the mating season the male sits on the outermost limbs of the tall *Pisonia* trees, inflates his gular pouch and gives a peculiar call that is very similar to the hoot of an owl. The females fly back and forth and select their mates. There are many fights between the females and many of them break a wing and die. I have never seen a male with a broken wing. They build a small nest of leaves and twigs that they steal from the Booby Birds. They take turns sitting on the eggs and often quarrel and fight for possession of the nest. They live on fish which they force the Boobies to vomit up. Occasionally they will catch a fish from the water but I have never seen them light on water. In the evening it is interesting to watch the Frigates patrol along the shore and intercept the Boobies as they return from the ocean feeding grounds. They attack the Boobies and force them either to vomit up a fish or take refuge on surface of water and escape later.

The chicks have a red neck when hatched and are covered with a white down. Later the red neck is covered with white down and the body has a dark down and feathers appear. Finally they develop adult plumage.

WHITE TERN

Other names - Fairy Tern, Love Tern, Japanese Love Tern.

This is one of the most beautiful birds on the islands. It is pure white in color, with black eyes and a black ring around them, black bill, legs, toes; and webs a light black color. Length is about 13 inches. They have a beautiful wing spread and are very tame and often hover over a person for some time. You will usually see two together flying or sitting on a limb. It is reported that they are monogamous and remain together for life. Probably due to their pure white color. Natives of the Pacific Area consider them sacred and will not harm them.

The nest is very curious. One large egg with brown and black streaks and spots on a greyish ground is laid on the flat surface of a limb. The Terns sit on it until hatched, then the chick remains on the limb until he is able to fly away.

The mother birds feeds her young mimnows which she carries crosswise in her bill.

The chick picking off and swallowing one mimnow after another until they are all gone. They have been reported 50 miles from land.
(to be continued next week)

ALOHA Parties & Steak Frys

Last week there was the Aloha and Steak fry for Alec Yuen. Saturday was the editor's birthday and He---Oops slipped. Beatrice and Judy, we believe were behind the steak fry in his honor. He desires to extend his thanks to all who had a hand in engineering it as it was a GRAND SURPRISE. Mahalo Nui Loa.

Moving day arrived for the rest of the families moving into the apartments, by the time you read this there will be only the Bureau of Standards families left on Menge Island. We heard Mr. Holmes give the date their first two housing units would be ready and it may not be too many more issues of the paper before we will be telling you about their moving from Cooper Island.

Dottie Smith is happy, now she can get that garden started. She has been supplementing her fresh vegetables from Honolulu with a few she has grown in her own garden, mostly grown in pots. WARNING, Dottie, don't get that Am. Sulphate on the plants and don't use too much. 5 pound per 100 sq. ft. is enough.

Hangerville was almost blockaded for several days with ditches for the new power cables, to the hanger, control station and fresh water pump house. The Ionisphere Station was not much better off except that their rough road was shorter.

Tony Glushenko and his crew of painters are going to town on the painting of the installations here. When and if the paint offer the buildings arrives, the place ain't going to look the same. The apartments have taken on a new look with Zweisler and his boys painting outside of the building.

NOTICE TO ALL HANDS. Bill Dirks will be off the air for a few days as he is moving to Hangerville into the old, Callis, Steelb, Kimberling residence, next to the hanger.

Roy Redd gave the road from Menge Island a slight coiling when he moved a diesel tank from Menge Island to the powerhouse on Cooper Island.

The little wynah bird has been gone several days, checking on a story that is bringing in the next supplies from Honolulu (on LSM is). If the story is true, we hope that they have a smooth and dry trip.

Doc Shields, tells us that the main commissary hours will be from 1 to 4 p.m. instead of being open directly after supper as it has been in the past. The days will remain the same